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SCHOONER THOMAS W. LAWSON SINKS--CAPTAIN AND CREW LOST

Terrific Gale Sweeps the British Coast and It is Feared the Loss of Life Will be Great--Naval Cutter Goes Down Taking Seven Men With Her.

Big Seven Masted Schooner was Driven Out of Her Course by the Heavy Winds and was Forced to Anchor--Cable Parted and the Big Hull was Seen Turned Upside Down This Morning--Captain and Crew Elected to Stay on the Boat Last Night, Though Given an Opportunity to Leave--Wreckage is Washed Ashore Today.

London, Dec. 14.—The seven masted schooner, Thomas W. Lawson, the largest sailing vessel in the world, was lost early today off Scilly Islands to the southwest of the English coast. One survivor and three corpses have been picked up. Captain Dow and the rest of the crew have undoubtedly perished.

The Lawson, which was chartered to the Standard Oil company and carried a large crew, was bound from Philadelphia to London. Driven out of her course by a terrific storm, she anchored, last night, off the islands. Captain Dow, evidently fearing she would otherwise be driven on the reefs. Two lifeboats put off to her assistance but the captain said he preferred to stick to his ship and the crew stood by him.

Watchers ashore saw the Lawson's lights until 3 a. m. when they suddenly vanished. At dawn the ship was seen floating bottom upward in the oily sea. It is supposed the cables parted and the captain tried oiling the waves but that the storm was too heavy to be weathered and that the craft finally turned turtle. Several members of the crew were seen on Annet island, an uninhabited rock and a life boat crew was sent to the rescue but found three of the men already dead and the fourth nearly dead.

The gale is steadily increasing in violence and is strewn the British coast with wreckage. It is feared the total loss of life will be large. All life boats are at work.

Sherness, Eng., Dec. 14.—A naval cutter was capsized in the harbor here by the gale, today, and seven men were drowned.

**SANTA CLAUS LETTERS
MUST BE DELIVERED**

Postmasters are Ordered to Deliver All Such to Charitable Societies in Order That Little Writers May Not be Disappointed--Postmaster General Sends Order to All Postmasters Today.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Postmaster General Meyer has adopted a liberal attitude toward thousands of children throughout the country, who, in perfect trust that their Christmas wishes will be fulfilled, are now sending letters to Santa Claus. He issued the following order today to every postmaster in the United States: "Hereafter, and until January 1-1908, postmasters are directed to deliver all letters arriving at their respective offices, address plainly and unmistakably to 'Santa Claus,' to any regularly organized charitable society in the city or town of address to be used exclusively for philanthropic purposes. In event that claim should be made by more than one such society for letters so addressed, such letters will be equally divided, according to number between or among societies making such claim."

**BRIBE MONEY TRACED
TO SUB-TREASURY DOORS**

Money Which was Used in Buying Concessions in San Francisco Came Direct From New York City--District Attorney is Hot on the Trail of the Eastern Interests Affected.

New York, Dec. 14.—District Attorney Langdon of San Francisco has traced to New York \$200,000 of the corruption fund from which Mayor Schmitz, Abe Ruef, the boss of San Francisco and the supervisors were enriching themselves when their crimes were discovered and many of them sent to jail.

Through the confession of Ruef Langdon learned that the boss got \$50,000, the mayor the same amount and the corrupt supervisors divided the remaining \$100,000 of the money paid by the street railway company for a permit to run overhead wires. There was nothing to show where the money came from. Finally the district attorney, by means of a telegraph order, discovered that the corruption fund was wired direct from the New York sub-treasury.

"That is as far as I could go," Langdon said, as he was leaving

ed them some very pertinent questions but even the directors hardly knew who the general manager was.

"In some instances, too, they told the truth, because they didn't want to know what was being done within the corporation. In other instances they committed outright perjury."

MRS. LONGWORTH'S CONDITION GREATLY IMPROVED

Washington, Dec. 14.—The condition of Mrs. Longworth, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, Thursday, was much improved today.

**GRASP OF
BLIZZARD**

Fastens Upon Chicago and Much Damage is Reported.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Chicago today is in the grip of a blizzard and a series of accidents, fires and robberies, incidental to the storm, were reported between midnight and daylight. Telephone and telegraph wires broke and crippled many electric communication lines. Trains on the elevated and surface car lines were blocked during the morning hours. Fire ranging in loss from a \$100,000 bottling works at Cooke's brewery to small blazes in tenement houses kept the horses of the fire department plowing through the snow all night. Over heated motors set fire to elevated coaches and street cars.

**TROOPS TO
REMAIN**

Funston is Not Ready to Order the Soldiers Away From Goldfield.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 14.—General Funston has announced that the federal troops will remain here at least until a commission named by President Roosevelt to investigate the condition, can arrive.

President McKinnon, of the miners' union, had a long interview with General Funston, after which he stated that Funston would probably order the troops withdrawn in the near future. The action of the mine owners in reducing wages is having its effect on nearly all branches of labor in Goldfield, and it is believed many sympathetic strikes will result. The union electricians and carpenters have walked out. It is believed other trades will follow until there is a general tieup.

**POSTAGE
WAS DUE**

Had It Not Been for the Newspapers, John Soloy Would Have Died.

Columbus, O., Dec. 14.—If Warden Gould, of the penitentiary were not a diligent reader of the newspapers, John Soloy, the Cleveland murderer, would have found Friday, the 13th, most unlucky. He would have been electrocuted.

According to the schedule of the prison, Soloy was to have been executed early Friday morning, and Thursday evening preparations were made to carry out the sentence of the court. But Warden Gould read that Gov. Harris had commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

He had received no official notification, and as the evening wore on began to wonder whether the report was true. So he called the executive office and asked. He was told that commutation papers had been mailed. It was sometime later that the warden received from the postoffice notification that a letter addressed to him was held for postage. He sent for it and found it contained the official document sparing the man's life.

**NEW YORK
STORM SWEPT**

Terrible Storm is Coursing Over the Whole Atlantic Coast.

New York, Dec. 14.—A storm is raging all along the Atlantic coast and the entire East will catch it before long. In the North, it is snow, and to the southward it is rain. New York got the snow first; then sleet; finally rain. The gale is working steadily to the northward, and increasing in strength. All kinds of interurban traffic in Greater New York are in bad shape. Six inches of slush covers the sidewalk and coasting crafts are generally running for shelter. There seems good prospect of losses at sea, before the day is over.

New York, Dec. 14.—Late this afternoon, a line was sent aboard the stranded bark Edmund Pinney, off Sandy Hook, and the breeches buoy rigged. Three men have been brought ashore. The sailors are in bad shape from exposure.

**TRAIN
DITCHED**

Sixty Robbers Throw Bombs Among Passengers, Wounding Many.

Tiflis, Trans. Caucasia, Dec. 14.—A band of sixty robbers ditched the Tiflis Baqua mail train near Salakhi, last night, threw eight bombs among the struggling passengers and opened fire with their revolvers. The train guard returned the volley with their rifles, and after a hot fight drove the outlaws off. Many passengers and guards were wounded.

Troops are pursuing the robbers, who carried off their wounded with them.

**AGED PRISONER AFRAID
TO LEAVE SING SING**

Man Eighty-six Years Old Has Worn the Stripes for Forty-seven Years and Now He is Afraid to Go Out into the World--Had Been in America Only Four Months When He was Sent to Prison.

New York, Dec. 14.—A little old man with gray hair and mustache and enjoying the best of health slept in a hospital cell in Sing Sing prison last night—although a free man.

For forty-seven years he had been a convict and now is free to go where he pleases. He would like nothing better than to come to the big city once more, but he is afraid.

He is not afraid of anybody for he has not an enemy, and, for that matter, not a friend in the world. But he is afraid he may get lost. He has read of "L" roads and subways and trolley cars on Broadway and the throngs to be found everywhere on the street until he fears he might become bewildered in the hurly burly if he took advantage of his freedom just now.

All this he told to a reporter who saw him yesterday. Next, he says, he will come to town be-

**A LIFE
SENTENCE**

Will be Demanded for the Kidnappers of Little Lillian Wulff.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Captain Obrien of the detective department, today made plans with States Attorney Healey, to demand the life imprisonment for William Birmingham and his wife, the couple of kidnappers captured yesterday with eight-year-old Lillian Wulff in their possession. Their demand was based on the confession of Birmingham, that his motive in stealing the child was to make her a "white slave."

Birmingham and his wife gave the name of Jones when arrested.

**WEALTHY FARMER GOES TO
PEN FOR ONE YEAR**

Bryan, O., Dec. 14.—Isaac Ulrich, a wealthy farmer, was today sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for arson. He confessed that he and Jack Page burned the granary and mill in Mill Creek township, after Ulrich had hauled away a large amount of cloverseed.

The crime was committed in February of 1906.

**VERDICT OF
"NOT GUILTY"**

Returned in the Case of a Man Who Killed His Father-in-law.

Kenton, O., Dec. 14.—In the case of Clyde Longfellow, aged 21, a barber, who was charged with murdering his father-in-law, Wade Poole, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty late Friday afternoon after being out even 20 hours.

Last summer Poole, who was a carriage painter of Lima, walked into Longfellow's barber shop here and said: "If you don't treat your wife, my daughter, better I'll put you in the cemetery."

Poole had a revolver in his inside coat pocket and held a cigar in his right hand. Longfellow said: "He had threatened to kill me and I reached for my gun. When he came in, I thought he intended to fix me, and I fired five shots into his body in self-defense."

**GRAND BALL GIVEN TO
OFFICERS OF THE FLEET**

Very Formal Affair at Which the Society Set of Several Cities were Present is Given at Old Point Comfort--Some Japanese Will be Taken Along on the Cruise to the Pacific.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 14.—A brilliant naval and military ball was given at the Hotel Chamberlain last night in honor of Admiral Evans and the other officers of the sixteen battleships which sail Monday on their notable cruise to the Pacific ocean. The reception and dance in the gaily decorated ball room closed a day given over almost entirely to social functions.

The ships reported "ready" Thursday night and yesterday there was little or no work to do. Enlisted men came ashore in large numbers, while on board ship the gunners and ward room officers kept open house. Afternoon tea was served on every vessel and impromptu musicales were a feature of the days' entertaining. Bobbing launches filled with gay parties from shore made frequent trips during the visiting hours.

Last night's event, the most formal of the week, called out the special evening dress uniforms of the naval officers, who were all aglitter with gold lace and trappings. Army officers from Fortress Monroe added a bright touch of artillery red to the color scheme. Flags of all nations draped the ball room. The social sets of Norfolk, Richmond, Baltimore, Washington and other eastern cities were largely represented in the spectacular gathering.

With regard to the report that all Japanese servants on board the vessels of the Pacific-bound fleet have been transferred to other ships that are to be left behind, it is stated on board the flagship Connecticut that only those Japanese stewards and mess attendants whose enlistments expire prior to July 1 next have been replaced by American sailors recently trained for the work. The Japanese falling within this restriction have been placed on receiving ships at various navy yards, as it was not desired to discharge them at a distant port and be under the obligation of paying their fares back to the Eastern portion of the United States. Quite a number of Japanese

servants whose enlistments have a year or more to run are being taken along, as usual.

Under the rules laid down by the present secretary of the navy, enlistment in the navy of persons not citizens of the United States is strongly forbidden, and for this reason none of the Japanese can be enlisted and all aliens are thus to be eventually eliminated from the enlisted force.

The admirals of the four divisions and the captains of the 16 ships in the Pacific-bound fleet have arranged the last details of the presidential review, which on Monday morning will precede the departure of the vessels of war through the Virginia capes. The officers have taken from the library shelves the navy's old "Tactical Signal Book" and are renewing their memory of its directions as to the passing in review.

Admiral Evans commanding, has issued the last general orders for the start of the cruise and its first station to Trinidad. Economy of coal consumption is urged by Admiral Evans upon every ship's crew. One of the most valuable pieces of information the transfer of the ships to the Pacific is expected to develop, has to do with the amount of fuel consumed.

A 10-knot speed is to be maintained throughout the voyage and orders have been issued that only steam enough to carry that speed economically shall be kept in the boilers. Any change of distance or interval of the fleet formation, the orders direct, shall be corrected "slowly and economically."

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt was formally notified yesterday that the Atlantic battleship fleet assembled in Hampton Roads is in readiness to proceed on its cruise to the Pacific coast.

The notification was made by Assistant Secretary Newberry, who called at the White House for that purpose.

**TAFT IS FAR IN THE
LEAD IN MICHIGAN**

Poll of the Republican Members of the Constitutional Convention Shows the Secretary far in Advance With Hughes a Poor Second--Little Bits of Politics Gathered From Various Sources.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—A poll of the Republican members of the Michigan constitutional convention now being held at Lansing, shows a preponderant sentiment for Secretary Taft for the presidential nomination. Governor Hughes of New York, is second, but the others are poor trailers.

As the delegates to the convention were chosen by the primary system the convention is presumed to reflect quite closely the political sentiment of the Republicans of Michigan.

Seventy members were polled. Of these but five were non-committal. The others expressed themselves as follows: Taft 44, Hughes 12, Cannon 5, Root 2, Cortelyou 1, La Follette 1.

Of 23 absent Republicans, 16 are known to be strongly for Taft, making his total vote 60.

Washington, Dec. 14.—In answer to inquiries as to the report which has gained some currency here that Secretary Cortelyou is about to resign from the cabinet, the secretary's sole comment was: "That is another lie."

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—Friends of Senator La Follette yesterday began the fight for the Nebraska delegation at the next Republican convention. In a telephone message from the senator's advisers at Madison, Wis., to clerk F. A. Harrison of the federal court, it was announced that the fol-

lowers of La Follette will come to Nebraska in a few days to assist in an attempt to turn the delegation from Taft, who secured an indorsement at the last state convention.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 14.—A large number of prominent Republicans organized the Charles E. Hughes Republican League of Onondaga County, electing officers and arranging to extend the organization throughout the country. It will affiliate with the Hughes League of New York City.

The club will make a fight in the primaries for national delegates

**PRESIDENT IS GIVEN
'HANDSOME LOVING CUP'**

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt was presented, this afternoon, with a loving cup from the mayor of Manila, by First Lieutenant Vanchalek, of the Fourth Infantry, who was the special bearer of the gift.

The cup is of silver and gold lined, made of Native ore, and stands one foot in height. The cup is the combined tribute from the natives of the Philippine Islands and American officers there.

Boston, Dec. 14.—William Bliss, president of the Boston and Albany railroad, died today.